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To Chairman Craven & members of the committee,

I would like to strongly urge you to support Rep. Henries' bill to criminalize custodial sexual assault between law enforcement officers and their detainees. You have most likely heard of this problem from the previous testimony of the sex worker population. Even if an officer were to say the arrestee "consented, 1: it isn't possible because they can't consent due to the situation, they are detainees of the arresting officers, and 2: I'd hope you would agree it is at least extremely unethical. Sex workers have an untrustworthy perspective of law enforcement as it is due to their unjust criminalization of their profession. Allowing this problem to remain without proper consequences only reinforces that untrustworthy view. They are less likely to report actual violent crimes that happen in their community, even those committed against them. Therefore I would again against that you swiftly bring this bill up for consideration and swift passage.

Thank You,

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